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REMARKS

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1. During the night on 27 July 1953, about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were detrained at the Halberstadt freight station and were subsequently quartered in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, along with the KVP border regiment stationed there. [ ] 1

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2. On 22 July, a train of boxcars occupied by troops and flatcars carrying motor vehicles passed through the Templin railroad station coming from the direction of Fuerstenberg and proceeding toward Vogelsang. [ ] no [ ] loadings or unloadings at, nor trains passing through, the Templin railroad station between 13 and 21 July, and 23 and 25 July. 2

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3. [ ] on 28 July, a shipment of 8 about 80-mm AA guns, 10 to 12 small guns and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was seen in Fuerstenberg/Havel, proceeding toward Neustrelitz or Templin. A shipment of trucks and troops was seen on another track, en route in the same direction. [ ]

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4. At about 8 p.m. on 27 July, a shipment of about 40 railroad cars, with each flatcar carrying 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 1 truck; and the boxcar occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and equipment, was assembled at the Velten railroad station. 4

25X1 5. [ ] on 1 August, the barracks installations of the Neuruppin post were not occupied to capacity. At about 6:30 p.m. on 26 July, a train of 35 flatcars with sideracks carrying 120-mm mortars, 57-mm AT guns and trucks; and 10 boxcars occupied by troops was seen en route toward east, coming from the Neuruppin railroad station. At about 2:30 p.m. on 27 July, 5 x 132-mm rocket launchers, 8 x 122-mm howitzers, 2 field kitchens, 20 motor vehicles [ ] and 3 sedans were loaded on 27 flatcars with sideracks and 12 boxcars, leaving toward Kremenau. [ ] On 29 and 31 July, about 30 T-43 tanks, 2 JS-3 tanks and 2 SU-122 guns were seen in the Kuhburgberg area. 5

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1. [ ] Comment. This is the first time that Soviet troops were observed in Halberstadt. [ ] 25X1

2. [ ] Comment. Presumably one of the three trains which, [ ] went from Altengrabow to Templin on 22 July [ ] 25X1

3. [ ] Comment. The AAA shipment presumably involved AAA units of the 31st AAA Div which [ ] went from Velten to Kroepelin [ ] 25X1

4. [ ] Comment. Probably entraining of light AAA units of the 31st AAA Div, which, [ ] went to Forst Zinna on two trains [ ]

5. [ ] Comment. The two trains probably carried mixed artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div which [ ] transferred to Forst Zinna [ ] These movements and the exercises near Kuhburgsberg in the post training area account for the fact that, on 1 August, the barracks installations in Neuruppin were occupied not to capacity. 25X1

6. [ ] Comment. [ ] the 2d Light Arty Brig (US), it is believed that the two trains carried artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div, which returned from firing practices at Jueterbog. [ ] the AAA column seen on 14 July belonged to the 121st (?) AAA Regt of the division. 25X1

7. [ ] Comment. Entraining of AAA units of the 121st (?) AAA Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div which [ ] transferred to Jueterbog [ ]

8. [ ] Comment. No information has been received on a shipment which left Fuerstenberg on 18 July. [ ] a shipment, probably of units of the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div, went from Luckenwalde to Fuerstenberg on the same day. The entraining in Grans cannot yet be accounted for.

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